

Dear Mr. Chairman,

I have recently heard of plans by the FCC to drop regulation regarding cross ownership. Not only does this worsen the poor situation of media conglomeration and concentration, it now threatens to allow media companies to control all outlets of news in different geographic areas. I am just a college student, but I know that the recent shifts in media ownership are a threat to democracy. The very fact that your review has recieved so little publicity is testimony that media companies act in their own financial interests in biased manners, opposite the public service obligations they should be meeting. I think that your actions reflect how money can influence government, especially since it seems that you decided to take action under the cover of the Sept. 11 attacks to conceal this controversial move from public attention. I have no respect for a regulatory commision that acts in the interests of the very companies that you are supposed to regulate. Your comment that !

"the oppressor here is regulation" indicates you have no interest in the publics interest. I hope that you either change your actions or are replaced with someone who fights for the people.

Sincerely,

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